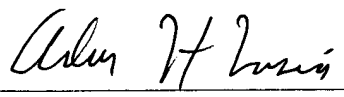
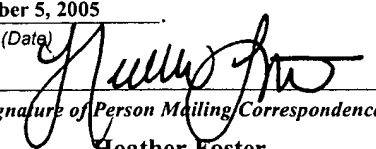
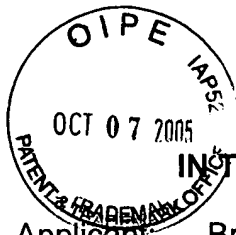


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Species I: Figures 1A and 1B

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Species IV: Figure 1F

Species V: Figure 1G

Species VI: Figure 1H

Species VII: Figure 1I

Species VIII: Figure 1J

Species XI: Figures 3C and 3D

Species XII: Figure 5A

Species XIII: Figure 5B

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Species XV: Figures 6A to 6C

Species XVI: Figures 7A and 7B

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